Four-lane road

528. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether necessary clearance has been given to the construction of four-lane road connecting Vallarpadam Container Terminal at Kochi;

(b) if so, the details of estimated cost of the project;

(c) the funds so far released for the purpose; and

(d) the present status of the work and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The estimated cost of the project is Rs.557.00 crore. So far Rs.252.95 crore has been released for the purpose. The work has been awarded to M/s Suncon-Soma (JV) with scheduled date of completion as 09.02.2010. The present physical progress of the work is 26.12%.

Road accidents

529. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India accounts for 10 per cent of the total road accidents in the world and International Road Federation has set a target of reducing fatal road accidents in India by 50 per cent by 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the effective measures taken by Government to check the increasing number of road accidents;

(d) whether Government has any proposal to introduce Highway Traffic Management System throughout the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) No Sir. As per the data published in World Road Statistics 2008, by the International Road Federation, for the year 2005, the total Road accidents in the World were 78,84,804, of which, India's share was only 5.6 Percent.

(c) The Safety of road users is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. This Department has, however, taken several steps to improve road safety for the road users which are as under:

(i) Road safety is the integral part of road design at the planning stage for National Highways/Expressways.

(ii) Various steps to enhance road safety such as road furniture, road markings/road signs, introduction of Highway Traffic Management System using Intelligent Transport System, enhancement of discipline among contractors during construction, road safety audit on selected stretches, have been undertaken by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

(iii) Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector.

(iv) Involvement of NGOs for road safety activities by Department of Road Transport and Highways and NHAI.

(v) Setting up of Model Driving Training School in the country by Department of Road Transport and Highways.

(vi) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media by Department of Road Transport and Highways.

(vii) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety by Department of Road Transport and Highways.

(viii) Tightening of safety standards of vehicles.

(ix) Provision of cranes and ambulances to various State Governments/NGOs under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme. National Highways Authority of India also provides ambulances at a distance of 50 Km. on each of its completed highways under its Operation and Maintenance contracts.

(x) Widening and improvements of National Highways from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and 4 lanes to 6 lanes etc.

(d) and (e) National Highways of Authority of India, as a part of the Road Safety Zone concept under Asian Development Bank (ADB) funded Projects, is planning to implement Highway Traffic Management System (HTMS) on a section of approx. 150 km on East West Corridor in the states of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. Apart from this, provisions of HTMS are being included in all the Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) projects, being awarded under new Model Concession Agreement (MCA). The details are given in the Statement.

Statement

Detail of HTMS to be Implemented or various Highways

Sl.No.	Stretch	NH No.	Length
1	2	3	4
	NHDP Phase II		
1.	Krishnagiri-Thopurghat Section	7	62
2.	Salem-Namakkal Section	7	41.58
3.	Namakkal-Karur Section	7	41.88

1	2	3	4
4.	Karur-Dindigul Section	7	77.725
5.	Dindigul-Samayanallur Section	7	53.02
6.	Salem-Kumarapalayam Section	47	53
7.	Kumarapalayam-Chengapalli Section	47	47
8.	Thrissur-Angamali Section	47	40
9.	Hyderabad-Bangalore Section	7	61.38
10.	Tindivanam-Ulundurpet	45	71.25
11.	Ulundurpet-Padalur	45	92.75
12.	Padalur-Trichy	45	40
	NHDP Phase III/VII		
13.	Bangalore-Neelmangala	4	19.5
14.	Delhi-Rohtak	10	63.5
15.	Bangalore-Hosur	7	15
16.	Pimpalgaon-Nashik-Gonde	3	60
17.	MP/MH Border-Dhule	3	97
18.	Pune-Solapur (pkg I)	9	110
19.	Gujrat-Maharashtra Border-Surat-Hazira	6	133
20.	Chennai Port to Maduravoyal	Phase VII	19
	NHDP Phase V		
21.	Chennai-Tada	5	43.40
22.	Gurgaon-Kotputli-Jaipur	8	225.60
23.	Surat-Dahisar	8	239.00
24.	Chilkaluripet-Vijayawada	5	82.50
25.	Panipat-Jalandhar	1	291.00
26.	Vadodara-Bharuch	8	83
27.	Bharuch-Surat	8	65

Cost escalation of delayed NHs

530. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state: